(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage the farmers and rural landless in this direction;

(d) whether it is a fact that 'Tree Patta' *i.e.* allotment of land for tree plantation is being encouraged by some State Governments to encourage agro-forestry; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Wastelands Development Board has initiated a scheme of decentralised nurseries and a component of seedling distribution for farm forestry under scheme of Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of eco-sensitive non-Himalayan areas. A new scheme, namely, 'Establishment of Silvi-pastural Farms' to augment quality fodder/grass production has also been started.

(c) Decentralised nurseries, distribution of seedlings, tree growers cooperatives and tree pattas are some of the steps taken by the Government to encourage the farmers and rural landless in this direction.

(d) and (e) Degraded revenue/community lands, and strips along road sides and canal sides are considered for the issue of tree pattas to the rural poor. The States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa have introduced the tree patta scheme, in one form or the either.

Change of name of Bombay city

1635. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 158 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the demand for change of name of the city of Bombay to Mumbai is neither on the grounds of local patriotism nor for linguistic reasons or for merely satisfying the local sentiments but to change the distorted version of the original name of Mumbai to Bombay given by he Britshers, just like Badoda to Vadodara; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accept the demand for changing the name of the city, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The matter had been examined and all the relevant factors were taken into consideration. There is however, no change in the stand already taken by the Government.

Deaths due to Open Manholes in Delhi

1636. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unnatural deaths that occurred in Delhi due to open manholes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to cover the open manholes; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to cover all the manholes in the near future, if so, what are the details in his regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) According to the Delhi Fire Service Headquarters, 5 deaths occurred in Delhi during the last 3 years.

(b) and (c) According to the NDMC, open manholes are covered as soon as noticed. A large number of manholes were stolen, which have been covered by RCC slabs, red sand stone slabs etc. The NDMC has decided to replace these with 'Polycrete' covers. The Cantonment Board are providing manhole covers of

concrete for the open manholes, where existing. The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking carries out periodical survey of major trunk sewers and the manhole covers are replaced as and when any cover is found missing.

Collections for Africa Fund

1637. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take to collect contributions for the Africa Fund from the citizens of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): The Africa Fund Summit chaired by the Prime Minister of India issued an Appeal to the universal conscience for urgent, concerts and resolute action for the complete dismantling of apartheid. It called upon all nations of the world, international financial and other organisations and individuals to contribute generously to the Fund in demonstration of their unflinching solidarity with the struggle against apartheid.

In response to this Appeal a number of individuals and private organisations are sending their contributions to the Africa Fund. A rupee account has been opened in the State Bank of India, Main Branch, Parliament Street to receive all such contributions.

Activities involving voluntary organisations as well as eminent individuals are under consideration with a view to increasing awareness throughout the country of the Fund and its objectives as well as to mobilising public support.

Arrest of a woman for suspected links with the terrorists

1638. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Smt. Kuldeep Kaur was arrested for her suspected links with the terrorists, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the C.B.I. has withdrawn the case against Smt. Kuldeep Kaur, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. She was arrested by Delhi Police in connection with a case registered at Police Station Tilak Marg on 31st October, 1986 under Sections 3 and 4 Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention), Act, 1985. The investigation of the case was later transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

(b) Yes, Sir. During investigation, investigation did not establish any links of the accused with the terrorists or about her financing the terrorists activities in India. The Central Bureau of Investigation filed a Closure Report dated 10-4-87 in the court of the Special Judge, Jammu and the Court allowed the case to be closed and released the accused on 11-4-1987.

Import of pesticides

1639. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of technical grades of pesticides and their formulations for which imports are allowed under OGL and various other provisions of the current Import Policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that various formulators of pesticides are importing such technical pesticides for which there is glut with the indigenous technical pesticides manufacturers; and